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Just a Suggestion

ON the first Monday in July, 1919 the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education of Pasquotank will jointly appoint a County Superintendent of Public Welfare. This is a new office created by the last General Assembly of North Carolina and bids fair to be one of the most important and administrative offices in the county.

The Superintendent of Public Welfare will be the chief school attendance officer of the county and probation officer to the juvenile court. He will see to the enforcement of the compulsory school law and will personally look after all delinquent children in the county. In addition to these certain responsibilities, he will have charge of the county's poor funds and will look after county welfare problems generally.

The county Superintendent of Public Welfare should be a young and active man capable of putting the maximum amount of energy into his work. He should be a kindly, tactful, sympathetic and forceful person. He should be competent to understand every community problem and to help every family in the county that needs advice, direction and aid of one sort or another.

Unfortunately the county commissioners have seen fit to appropriate only \$1200 and an expense allowance of \$400 for the new office. The office ought to pay \$1,800 to \$2,400 a year and for such a sum the county should employ a trained social worker. For a salary of \$1,200 a year the commissioners are not likely to get the type of man needed for the office.

This newspaper would like to see the city supplement the sum appropriated by the county commissioners. The city should find some way to appropriate as much as \$600 for welfare work. It would be a good investment also for the cotton and hosiery mills of the city to contribute to the support of the office, because in the mill section a superintendent of public welfare will find his biggest problems and his most exacting work.

But if more money is not forthcoming, this newspaper would like to suggest that the Commissioners and Board of Education employ a young man for the job who will agree to take a course in some school of social service where young men and women are trained for the duties peculiar to the new office. The New York School of Social Service Work holds a summer session from July 7 to August 15. In this six weeks' summer school some young man could learn much about child welfare and community service that would help to qualify him to make a success of the office of Superintendent of Public Welfare. Wouldn't it be a good idea to send our Superintendent of Public Welfare to some such school, if we must employ a superintendent who is not alive to modern social problems?

The Returning Soldiers

THE boys who were conscripted for service in the European war are returning to their homes and falling back into civilian life. Some of us expected that when the boys came back they would have wonderful tales to tell of foreign shores and the thrills of modern warfare. We thought the soldiers back from this war would have volumes to relate and would never cease to talk breathlessly and entertainingly of their exploits. But we are disappointed; the boys who are coming back are thinking, but they are not talking. Generally they are a non-communicative lot; they seem to have something on their minds which they do not care to relate, for fear, perhaps, that we stay-at-homes would misunderstand.

But, one thing every soldier I have interviewed does say. Every soldier with whom I have talked tells me that he will never again go back to France. And when the returning soldier says that he says it softly, soberly and convincingly. He makes no boast, but you can look into his eyes and read determination which seems to say he will die before he will be conscripted for another such war.

The average American soldier who has seen overseas service returns to his home with no love for England, no love for France, little sympathy for Belgium, no respect for Italy and a positive hatred for militarism. Before our entry into the war and immediately after it, he was thrilled by the beautiful idealistic utterances of Woodrow Wilson. He has seen President Wilson turn his back upon the finest sentiments he ever expressed and beholds him now sitting with a band of thieves silently consenting to treaty terms which he would have denounced as infamous six months ago.

No, the returning soldier isn't doing much talking. He knows that he couldn't get himself understood if he tried to unburden. He knows how his own people back home have been lied to about the conditions overseas. He knows that the people back home have been blinded by the pretty speeches of their president and the vapors of a hiring press. But if the discharged soldier is not talking, he is thinking and some day his thoughts will find utterance. Some little unexpected turn of events; some little blunder upon the part of the vested interests of the land; some fool utterance by a Senator or a Congressman; a mere street fight even, may turn this pent up volcano of thought into a belching volcano of fury. Frankly, I fear this silence of the returning soldiers. I do not believe that militarism, with all its frightfulness, has succeeded in crushing all the spirit out of them in a war of eighteen months.

The World in Distress

HENRY P. DAVISON, just returned from Europe, says: "I would not give a damn for all the peace treaties in the world if something is not done to relieve the incredible, the unbelievable distress that exists in the world to-day." Mr. Davison's note of alarm is corroborated by another authority, Frank A. Vanderlip.

Mr. Davison describes a wave of typhus rolling westward from the Black Sea at a rate which threatens even America itself. In addition he says Europe is being scourged by tuberculosis, venereal diseases and lice, as a direct result of the war. Everywhere there is hunger and distress.

And Mr. Davison says nothing about India, in which country there has been no rain since May, 1918, where thirty two millions have died of starvation and one hundred and fifty millions more

are on the verge of a like fate.

And what are we doing about it? Nothing except to silently assent to the fool plan of the Big Four in Paris who are simply making matters worse by trying to starve those nations that do not please them.

We have Herbert Hoover's word for it that eight American ships loaded with provisions are in the Baltic Sea waiting for Petrograd to fall before feeding its starving inhabitants. During the war Congress voted President Wilson a fund of \$100,000,000 which he was permitted to spend to suit himself, without having to give any account to the American people who paid the bills. President Wilson has spent millions of this money in financing various schemes in Russia and is believed to have deliberately loaned millions to Czechoslovakia. There is no record of his having used a dollar of it to win Russia and the Russians by practicing that fine friendliness which he has so eloquently preached. And then we wonder why there's hell to pay all over the earth and why Bolshevism will not down.

WILL NOT RATIFY LEAGUE NATIONS

Leading members of the United States Senate are reported to have said that the League of Nations document would not be adopted by the Senate.

In opposition to the above statement, it is urged that not only practically every American citizen is in favor of it, but that its now bitterest enemies were not very long since its staunchest friends and supporters.

This tends to show that the minds of all intelligent people are subject to change. For that reason, the American people are turning to the Specialist along all lines of professions and vocations, as they have never done before in the history of the world.

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C. A. COOKE,
Elizabeth City, N. C.

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The following prices represent actual sales made to-day:

Items not quoted were not sold to-day and the Food Administration prohibits quotations other than actual sales.

Hens	35-
Eggs	43c
Frying Chickens	50c to 55c
Turkeys, live	30c
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Ducks, live	25c
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THE FLY HITS HARDER THAN DOES LIGHTNING

Where Lightning Kills Only a Dozen
In North Carolina Annually,
Flies Kill Thousands

Someone has said that the state of a man's civilization may be accurately judged by the foresight he displays. Insurance is an index to foresight; it means looking into the future, the consideration of probable risks, and providing against such risks.

North Carolina people, as a rule, believe in insurance. Look at the lightning rods on the homes and even the barns.—insurance against lightning. Now there are only ten or twelve deaths a year in North Carolina from lightning, so that an individual's chance of being killed by lightning in North Carolina each year is one in two hundred and forty thousand. Considering the slight risk and the expense of the lightning rod insurance the man who uses them is a powerfully strong believer in insurance.

The trouble with our people in the insurance business is their failure to recognize relative values and risks. By that we mean the size of the risk on the one hand, and the amount paid for the insurance on the other hand. To illustrate, let us return to the home with the lightning rods; costs \$100; risk to life, one in two hundred and forty thousand a year. The same country home has the most primitive, insanitary, open back closet from which droves of flies carry infectious material into the dining room and kitchen during the whole summer. Cost to make closet sanitary, \$10. Now this man's danger is one in 480 of contracting typhoid fever, and one in 4,800 of dying from the disease during the year. If he has five members in his family, the risk is five times greater, and if he considers the risk of contracting other fecal-borne diseases, dysentery and diarrheal diseases of children, he must multiply the risk again by three. The man has no sense of relative values.—the man with the good lightning rods and the bad privy.

Typhoid vaccination is the cheapest insurance that a man can get. It costs him absolutely nothing, his county and state are paying for it; in other words he has paid for it already in paying for his taxes. It gives him almost absolute insurance against typhoid fever, regardless of his surroundings for four years and some insurance against typhoid fever for his whole life time. And suppose he doesn't take it and within the next four years somebody hauls him, or hauls his wife or child to the cemetery dead of typhoid fever, a death that he could have easily prevented,—by vaccination free vaccination, too. What about the question of moral responsibility? "Thou shalt not kill," the first great civil law, covers both homicide and suicide; includes killing your neighbor, killing a member of your family, or killing yourself by an act of commission, using a gun or a knife or a stick; or an act of omission, criminal carelessness, declining to be vaccinated against typhoid fever when the opportunity was presented at your very door.

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